Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In every activity of daily life, most of us who depend upon our sight rarely stop to consider that everyday activities can be hazardous to the six million Americans who are blind or partially sighted; and,

WHEREAS, Visually handicapped people fortunately have a distinctive tool, a white cane, available to help in those potentially dangerous situations; and,

WHEREAS, Using this simple aid, millions of visually handicapped persons are able to move about their communities with a degree of independence that would otherwise be denied them; and,

WHEREAS, As valuable as the white cane is, it cannot warn its user of hazards more than a few feet away, therefore, we must all be alert to the needs of people who carry the white cane; and,

WHEREAS, To heighten public awareness of the importance of the white cane to the independence and safety of blind and partially sighted Americans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1981, as

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

in South Dakota, and urge all Americans to observe this day by reflecting on the accomplishments of the blind and visually handicapped citizens, and by resolving to aid them in their continuing struggle for independence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE